

# **Williamstown Sailing Club Inc.**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **Club Series Racing Season 2019 – 2020**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 These rules govern the Club Series Racing Season 2019-2020 (the Event) organised by the Williamstown Sailing Club Inc (the Organising Authority). These rules should be read together with the Sailing Instructions for the Event.
- 1.2 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (formerly Yachting Australia), the Yardstick Rules of Yachting Victoria (YV), the rules of the appropriate boat class association (class rules), and the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) Regulations.
- 1.3 Racing rules 35, 61.3, 62.2, A2 and A4 will be changed as follows:

Rule 35 – “Time Limit and Scores” will be altered so that a boat failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing will be scored DNF.

Rules 61.3 and 62.2 – “Protest Time Limit” and “Redress” will be altered so that the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

Appendix A2 – “Series Scores” will be altered to provide for variation in score exclusions based on the number of races sailed.

Appendix A4 – “Scoring” will be altered so that any boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS.

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 Entries to the Event, together with any entry fee(s) or membership fee(s) shall be made to the Organising Authority.
- 2.2 All skippers and season-declared regular crew must be financial members of the Williamstown Sailing Club. Visiting skippers and crew must be members of a club affiliated through Australian Sailing.
- 2.3 The Organising Authority uses the online TopYacht Entry System (TES) to manage entries to the Event: see <http://www.williamstownsailingclub.org.au/entering-races/>.
- 2.4 When entering the Event via TES competitors must acknowledge the Event Application Entry and Declaration (see below) and agree to its provisions.
- 2.5 Competitors must complete a mandatory Safety Declaration, and submit this to the Organising Authority prior to participating in any race. Safety Declaration forms and Equipment Checklists can be collected from the Club premises and are available online at <http://www.williamstownsailingclub.org.au/entering-races/>
- 2.6 To be eligible for the Event, all equipment, including safety equipment, shall comply with Sailing Australia and IMCA recommendations.
- 2.7 Late Entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority which may be subject to late entry supplements - refer to fees.
- 2.8 Season-declared regular crew are to be entered on the TopYacht Entry System.
- 2.9 Substitute crew are permitted but must be nominated on the prescribed form at the time of race entry and sign-on. Attention is drawn to Rule 46, in particular, that any crew who sails in more than 3 races in one season shall be a member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing.
- 2.10 Casual entry and visitor entry forms are available at the club.

#### **3. BUOYANCY**

- 3.1 Attention is drawn to the Australian Sailing Fundamental Rule 1.2 (Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices) and to:
  - the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 - Keelboats – Section 5, or;
  - the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 - Off The Beach Boats – Section 5.01

- 3.2 Personal Floatation Devices (PFD's) shall be worn at all times whilst afloat.
- 3.3 Special Attention is drawn to rule 5.01.3 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 - Off the beach boats - Inflatable PFD's shall not be used.

#### 4. FEES

- 4.1 Paid-up sailing members of the Organising Authority do not pay additional race fees.
- 4.2 Visiting skippers and crew will pay a fee of \$15.00 per race.
- 4.3 There is a late entry fee \$20.00 per race.

#### 5. INSURANCE

Competing boats shall carry (as a minimum) an appropriate Third Party Liability Insurance with racing risk with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000. A statement confirming this insurance is included in the safety declaration.

#### 6. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 6.1 Competitors participate in the WSC Season Races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage to personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Club Series Racing Season.
- 6.2 WSC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The WSC reserves the right to refuse an entry.

#### 7. EVENT SAILING PROGRAM

- 7.1 The sailing program for the Event will be displayed on the Williamstown Sailing Club's Notice Board and may also be made available on the Club's website and/or Race Booklet. The Sailing Committee of the Williamstown Sailing Club may reschedule the sailing program dates and races during the season as per rule 81.
- 7.2 One extra Championship race per day may be sailed, provided that no Championship race becomes more than two races ahead of schedule and the change is made according to instruction 3.

#### 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SI) for the Event shall be displayed on the Williamstown Sailing Club Notice Board and may also be made available on the Club website, or Race handbook. See the sailing instructions for information regarding the racing venues; the schedule of events; the courses; the penalty system; scoring; and radio communications.

#### 9. SCORING

- 9.1 24 races are scheduled for the season. All these races will count towards 4 separate Series as shown below.

Series	Maximum # of races counted in series	Drops	Minimum # of races for series
<b>Club Champion</b> Corrected times using class YV yardstick. All classes.	Best 14 of 24 races	Drop 10	9
<b>All Fleet Handicap Champion.</b> Corrected times using class YV yardstick and personal handicaps. All Classes.	Best 14 of 24 races	Drop 10	9
<b>Class Champions.</b> Elapsed times. Individual classes.	Best 14 of 24 races	Drop 10	9
<b>Class Handicap Champions (x3)</b> Corrected times using personal handicaps. Individual classes.	Best 5 of 8 races (x3)	Drop 3 (x3)	4

9.5 The RRS Appendix A, Low Point Scoring System, modified as follows will apply:

Club Champion, All Fleet Handicap Champion and Class Champion Series (14 races out of 24)

Races sailed	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Drops	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Class Handicap Series (5 races out of 8) x3

Races sailed	5	6	7	8
Drops	0	1	2	3

- 9.6 Boats that signed on for a race but did not come to the starting area shall score points for the finishing place one more than the number of competing boats (excluding visitors) in that race.
- 9.7 All other boats including a boat that finishes but thereafter retires shall score points for the finishing place one more than the number of competing boats (excluding visitors) in that race.
- 9.8 Boats shall score points equal to the average of all races sailed in the series when prevented from racing:-
- (a) by the Race Committee due to inability to cope with weather conditions – limited to handicap series (once in any series).
  - (b) by the race committee because of official club duties, i.e. skippers who are the OOD and Duty Crew where duty is completed and recorded in the duty book, limited to once per series unless otherwise approved by the sailing committee.
- 9.9 Results shall be determined on the following basis:
- (a) Club Champion - Corrected times using class YV yardstick
  - (b) Class Champion - Elapsed times
  - (c) Class Handicap - Corrected times using personal handicaps
  - (d) All Fleet Handicap - Corrected times using personal handicaps and YV yardstick

## 10 SUBSTITUTION OF COMPETITORS AND/OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of competitors or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

## 11 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 11.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 11.2 Allegations of measurement deficiencies shall be by protest.

## 12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Perpetual trophies and prizes may be awarded in the following categories. *NB: The Club Champion is not eligible for any additional awards.* No other restrictions apply.
- 12.2 **Club Champion.** 1st skipper and crew, based on Club Champion results.
- 12.3 **All Fleet Handicap Champion. Bernie Simmonds Memorial Trophy.** 1st skipper and crew (two handed boats) based on All Fleet Handicap Champion results.
- 12.4 **Class Champion.**
- 1<sup>st</sup> skipper and crew for each eligible class, based on Class Champion results.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> skipper and crew if average of 5 or more starters in completed races.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> skipper and crew if average of 8 or more starters in completed races.
- 12.5 **Class Handicap Champion (3 series).**
- 1<sup>st</sup> skipper and crew for each eligible class, based on Class Handicap Series results.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> skipper and crew if average of 5 or more starters in completed races.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> skipper and crew if average of 8 or more starters in completed races.

- 12.6 **Junior Champion** Corrected times using class YV yardstick, all classes.  
1<sup>st</sup> Junior skipper and crew who are both under 18 years at 1 July 2018. All classes, based on Club Champion results.
- 12.7 **Cheryl Pride-Olsen Memorial Trophy.** Corrected times using class YV yardstick, all classes.  
1<sup>st</sup> Female skipper and crew based on Club Champion race results.
- 12.8 **Noel Hutchinson Memorial Trophy.** Corrected times using personal handicaps and YV yardstick, all classes.  
Best 1<sup>st</sup> year skipper and crew, based on All Fleet Handicap race results.
- 12.9 **Jack Dickson Memorial Trophy** Corrected times using personal handicaps and YV yardstick, all classes.  
1<sup>st</sup> skipper (single handed boats) based on All Fleet Handicap race results.
- 12.10 Other trophies and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

### **13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESSES**

In participating in this Event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Event in which the competitor participates, and in all material related to the said Event, without compensation.

### **14. FURTHER INFORMATION/ENTRIES**

For further information contact:  
Vice Commodore or WSC Sailing Committee.  
Williamstown Sailing Club Inc; PO Box 50, Williamstown VIC 3016

# **EVENT APPLICATION ENTRY AND DECLARATION**

## **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

I acknowledge and agree that:

1. In this Event application and declaration: "Club" means and includes: The Williamstown Sailing Club Inc and its directors, officers, members, servants or agents. "Claim" means and includes any action, proceeding, claim, demand, damage or expense however arising including but not limited to negligence but does not include a claim against the Club under any right expressly conferred by its constitution.
2. If accepted I will be permitted to participate in the Event subject to my complying with the terms and conditions of the Event, this declaration and any reasonable direction issued by the Event organisers or their representatives. I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern the event and I acknowledge that rule 4 - Decision to Race - places the sole responsibility for deciding whether or not to start or continue racing on the boat.
- 3 This document cannot be amended. If I do amend it my application will be null and void. It cannot be accepted by the Club.
4. The Event rules & this declaration comprise a contract between me and the Club and are necessary and reasonable to promote and conduct the Event.
5. Warning: Participation in the Event can be inherently dangerous I acknowledge that I am exposed to certain risks during my participation in the Event including, but not limited to, physical exertion and injury, bodily contact, falls, equipment failure and unpredictable weather conditions. I acknowledge that accidents can and often do happen which may result in me being injured or even killed, or my property being damaged. I have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in participating in the Event.
6. Exclusion of Implied Terms: I acknowledge that where I am a consumer of recreational services, as defined by any relevant law, certain terms and rights usually implied into a contract for the supply of goods or services may be excluded. I acknowledge that these implied terms and rights and any liability of the Club flowing from them, are expressly excluded to the extent possible by law, by this membership declaration. To the extent of any liability arising, the liability of the Club will, at its discretion be limited to the resupply of the services or payment of the cost of having the services supplied again.
7. Release and Indemnity: In consideration of the Club accepting my application for entry to the Event I:
  - (a) release and will release the Club from all Claims that I may have or may have had but for this release arising from or in connection with my participation in the Event; and
  - (b) indemnify and will keep indemnified the Club to the extent permitted by law in respect of any Claim by any person including but not only another participant in the Event arising as a result of or in connection with my participation in the Event.
8. Fitness to Participate: I declare that I am and must continue to be medically and physically fit and able to participate in the Event. I will immediately notify the Club in writing of any change to my fitness and ability to participate. I understand and accept that the Club will continue to rely upon this declaration as evidence of my fitness and ability to participate.
9. Consent to medical treatment: If required, the Club will arrange medical or hospital treatment (including ambulance transportation) for me. I authorise such actions being

taken by the Club where my further consent cannot be obtained and agree to meet all costs associated with such action.

10. Privacy: I understand that the information I have provided is necessary for the conduct of the Event and for the Objects of the Club. I acknowledge and agree that the information will only be used by the Club to facilitate the conduct of the Event and other events conducted by the Club. I understand that I will be able to access my information through the Club. If the information is not provided my Event entry application may be rejected.
11. Copyright and right to use image: I acknowledge and consent to photographs being taken of me during my participation in the Event. I acknowledge that the photographs are owned by the Club using my name, image, likeness and also my performance in the Event, at any time, to promote the Event or the Club activities by any form of media.
12. Severance: If any provision of this membership declaration is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, the phrase or clause is to be read down for the purpose of that jurisdiction, if possible, so as to be valid and enforceable. If the phrase or clause cannot be so read down it will be severed to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability. Such severance does not affect the remaining provisions of this declaration or affect the validity or enforceability of it in any other jurisdiction.
13. I warrant that my boat complies with the safety prescriptions of Australian Sailing and Yachting Victoria Inc. and that it my responsibility to ensure all equipment required under these prescriptions and my declared safety category are operational at all times.

I have read, understood, acknowledge and agree to the above declaration including the warning, exclusion of implied terms, release and indemnity. I warrant that all information provided in my Event application is true and correct. I acknowledge that this Event application declaration cannot be amended. If I do amend it my application will be null and void.

### **Parent's or Guardian's Consent for Underage Competitors**

Where an applicant for entry to the Event is under 18 years of age, written consent in the appropriate form must be signed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian and lodged with the Organising Authority before the applicant participates in any races.